

From: Miller, Ann
To: [Moore, Nikki](#); [Simon, Benjamin](#)
Subject: Re: gold butte
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Hi Nikki,

Thanks for getting a response to us on this.

Ann

On Fri, Jul 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Ann,

Since the Gold Butte area is unique, visitation numbers prior to designation were reported in their own category in RMIS (BLM's visitation database). The annual visitation numbers provided were not for the entire Las Vegas Field Office, but included a similar area to what is now the Gold Butte National Monument. We also confirmed that (in addition to the numbers being estimates) the decline in visitation (and visitor counts) were impacted by concerns for visitor and employee safety during that time-period.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

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On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 11:49 AM, Miller, Ann <ann_miller@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Nikki,

Just to clarify, the report of visits/visitor days for each fiscal year says that it is for the "Gold Butte National Monument" site, although I know that site did not exist prior to FY2016. I know for Bears Ears we were supplied with visits to specific sites that are now within BENM for the years prior to designation and am not sure if the same thing is being done here with Gold Butte or if the data for the years prior to designation is for the entire field office although labeled as specifically for the GBNM site.

Thanks!

Ann

On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 11:35 AM, Simon, Benjamin <benjamin_simon@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Nikki,

From the uploaded pdfs
Number of visits annually

2012	82640
2013	91761
2014	82585
2015	97267

2016/17 21337
Total
375,590

We just need to understand what proportion of the LV Field office numbers might be attributable to Gold Butte. Or would it be ok to assume all of the LV visits are attributable to Gold Butte?

If I understand correctly, the FY 2016/17 number is just Gold Butte and the other numbers are for the entire LV Field Office.

Thanks for helping with this.

Ben

On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 9:39 AM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Ben, We could get the 2016 number from the Recreation Management Information System (RMIS) but it wouldn't be for Gold Butte since it was designated in December of 2016 and annual visitation numbers for Gold Butte itself won't be available until the end of September. Visitation was 354,253 from Oct 1, 2011 - Sept 30, 2016 (Visitor use data.pdf - google drive) so that may be a subset number pulled for only Gold Butte (from the Las Vegas Field Office data area) and before visitation picked up over summer months in 2017 but I will confirm.

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On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 9:03 AM, Simon, Benjamin <benjamin_simon@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Nikki,

This is a question about Gold Butte.

Visitation for 2016 and the first half of 2017 was estimated to be 21,000.

1. Would it be possible to get the 2016 visitation number?
2. Visitation over 2012-2105 was on the order of 130,000 annually. Is there an explanation for the reduction? Could the 2016/2017 number be a typo (i.e., could it be 210,000)?

Thanks for helping with this

Ben

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